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Via Email

Honorable Ronnie Abrams United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 620 New York, NY 10007

Re:

U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission v. Brian Hunter,

No. 07 Civ. 6682 (RA)

Dear Judge Abrams:

cc:

We represent the plaintiff in the above matter.

As a result of Congress not enacting a federal budget for this fiscal year or extending the continuing resolution previously in place, Plaintiff has ceased regular operations, and all non-essential employees have been furloughed and are prohibited by law from performing actions related to their employment. *See* 31 U.S.C. § 1341 ("Anti-deficiency Act").

Consequently, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court stay all deadlines in this case until such time as the undersigned counsel's employment status is reinstated. Upon reinstatement of the employment status of the undersigned counsel, the CFTC will seek to lift the stay and in consultation with counsel for Defendants, request that the Court set new deadlines.

Counsel for Defendant Hunter consents to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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The October 10, 2013 deadline for the parties to submit filings in opposition is stayed. The parties should contact the Court once the furlough issues have been resolved and propose a new deadline. For the time being, the trial will remain scheduled to begin on November 12.

SO OPDERED.

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